The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 22 OF 2016

WHEREAS, Centre County, Pennsylvania, constitutes the chief governing body of Centre County, with legislative and policy-making powers that affect each resident's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Centre County has the responsibility to assure the fiscal health and integrity of Centre County; and

WHEREAS, Centre County has the responsibility of planning for and implementing projects that accomplish and bring forth safe water resource management; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is estimated to have more than more than 83,000 miles of streams, nearly 4,000 lakes, and 80 trillion gallons of groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's ability to attract growing businesses and to provide the quality of life this governing body seeks for its residents depends on the Commonwealth properly prioritizing clean water infrastructure and funding for storm water management; without such an increase in prioritization and funding to address these issues, our rivers and streams will continue to be susceptible to pollution and the degradation of the Commonwealth's most precious resource - water; and

WHEREAS, Centre County realizes that the Commonwealth is losing more forest, wildlife habitat, farmland and other open spaces to development than it is able to preserve; and that the Commonwealth has more than 19,000 miles of rivers and streams that do not meet basic water quality standards; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as "Clean Water Counts" in Centre County and encourages greater investment of resources to clean Pennsylvania's rivers and streams through state programs to promote greater health, stronger communities and thriving economies within our region.

ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2016

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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